

The Messenger

May 2012

SUNDAY, MAY 6

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 6, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. We will have a coffee hour afterward and hope you will join us and bring a goodie for everyone to share.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet for lunch on May 9 at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome. The “admittance fee” is one covered dish or dessert to share with everyone. Our group is growing and we look forward to gaining more members.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

MOTHER’S DAY

The Kid’s Choir will help us celebrate Mother’s day by singing a song especially for our Moms.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

PENTECOST SUNDAY

We will celebrate the birthday of the Christian faith on May 27. This is a special day to remember our spiritual roots and look forward to the future.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A joint memorial service conducted by the American Legion Posts and VFW will be held in our Cemetery on May 27 to honor our veterans and loved ones. It will take place at approximately 12:00 pm after our Worship Service. Please plan to stay after Worship and pay your respects to our fallen heroes.

JUNE 23 TO JULY 1

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

Six youth and three adults will be representing Emmanuel UCC at the Team Effort Mission Project in Gatlinburg, TN. They will be leaving Saturday, June 23, so that they are in Gatlinburg for check-in on Sunday, June 24. For the next few days most of their daytime will be spent working on projects like painting and repairing homes. Evenings are filled with music and worship. The cost is \$279 per person which the Youth Group hopes to provide for the youth members. That is why it is so important that we support our youth with their fundraising efforts. Their main means to generate money is their Youth for Hire, where they will perform odds and ends around your home such as yard work and spring cleaning. Please help them to reach out to Gatlinburg and the people who need our help.

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From The Pastor's Desk

As many of you know I just spent a weekend at the 50th anniversary of the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ. The theme of the meeting was "50 years of commas" and it was quite a celebration. I saw many friends there and met new ones. It was a good weekend - if one doesn't mind coming home exhausted. Rev. Jane Hess from Hazleton, Rev. Steve Engelhardt from Bloomsburg, and I planned the worship service and designed the worship space for Saturday morning. PNEC Conference Minister, Rev. Allen Miller, Steve, and I had the honor of officiating at the service where many were honored for the work they have done for the conference over the past 50 years.

This Sunday our worship will be patterned after the worship that was held on Sunday morning. The young people are excited to be involved and I will use my notes that I took as Rev. Dr. Leonard Sweet spoke. He is an outstanding writer, lecturer, and lots of other things. You can "google" him to get information about him if you want. Hearing him speak was the feature of the meeting that I was really looking forward to and I was not disappointed. Thanks for the opportunity to hear him and to attend the meeting.

My only regret was that there were no lay persons from Emmanuel at the meeting. I know that it used to be an honor to be a representative for our church at these meetings. Over the years it seems that folks have gotten too busy to attend these events or to take part in conference committees. The conference does serve us in many ways. Sharon Moyer and I are going to a workshop on stewardship this coming weekend at which Rev. Kate Huey, Minister for Stewardship, Scripture & Discipleship, from our national office will be the leader. I am excited to go and hear her presentation. I pray that more of you would get involved in these enlightening offerings that are available for all of us.

I must say "thanks" to all who worked so hard at the turkey supper last week. It turned out to be very successful - both in the fellowship that was shared and in the financial aspect of the evening. And it was OOOOOOh! so good! Archie and I bought four tickets and ate turkey and dressing for three days - lunch and supper! I was ready for a hamburger after all that - no matter how good the turkey was! And I heard great things from the men we are housing this week who got the leftovers. They felt like they were having a family meal, which you can imagine would mean a lot to a homeless person.

April was a wonderful month with the awe and excitement of Palm Sunday and Easter, the sadness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and all that goes along with the season - like the kids and Easter eggs. But what it's really all about is JESUS IS ALIVE! We are to serve him each and every day in all that we do. And one way to do that is to make him the priority in our lives.

Four years at Emmanuel have gone by quickly for me. Archie and I truly enjoy being here with you. You have been a blessing to us and for that I say "thank you." May God bless each and every one.

Pastor Penny

Our Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to Judy, Stan and Jim Cybulski on the passing of Stan's brother, Walter, on April 22. Walter had an upbeat personality and great smile which will be missed by many.

Thank You

The Easter Breakfast was a wonderful time for us to joyfully celebrate with each other. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare it and those who came to enjoy the fellowship. Jim Rinehimer

Thanks to everyone who helped out in any and every way with our Turkey Supper. It's great to see the members and our Scouts working together and having fun. Yes, you can do both at the same time – just ask anyone who was there!! So, let's hear it for the food prep crew, cooks, wait staff, clean up crew and diners. We couldn't have this event without YOU! Denise Dean

Turkey Supper Report

April 21, 2012		
RECEIPTS		
Tickets - Door - Adult	266 @ \$10.00	\$2,660.00
Child	13 @ \$4.00	\$52.00
Advance	334 @ \$10.00	\$3,340.00
Donations		\$65.00
Surplus Sold		\$25.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$6,142.25
EXPENSES		
Carone's Market	Bread Crumbs, Cabbage	\$142.78
Keyco Dist	Green Beans, Potatoes	\$208.10
Wal Mart	Chicken Broth, Salt, Butter, Sugar, Flour	\$28.52
Hometown Markets	Celery, Red Peppers	\$17.50
Tuzzi's Bakery	Bread	\$33.00
Maine Source	Cabbage, Vinegar, Salt, Onions, Carrots, Corn, Plates	\$218.99
Dollar Tree	Sandwich Bags	\$5.30
D.W. Richards Sons	Turkeys	\$934.18
Weis Markets	Milk	\$27.60
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,615.97
PROFIT		\$4,526.28

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, May 9, at 12 noon for a covered dish lunch. Bring your favorite dish and spend some time with us. Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information about our group.

300 CLUB and SILENT AUCTION

Hurry up and get your tickets
for our 3rd annual 300 Club fundraiser!

Mark your calendars and get ready for a great day of fun, food and prizes. On Saturday, June 16, we will hold our annual 300 Club. For tickets or to help out, please see Allen Dennis and Jim Rinehimer.

ST THERESA'S HAVEN MISSION WEEK

A very grateful thank you to everyone who helped with the meals during the week of April 23 to 30 for the men who use the services of St. Theresa's Haven (formerly V.I.S.I.O.N.). They appreciate our concern and willingness to help them as they work toward getting back into the mainstream of society. *As we minister to these men, we are reminded of Jesus' words, "As you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me."*

2012 VBS PROGRAM

We're getting started with our plans for this year's VBS and held our first planning meeting on Monday, April 30. We met at Faith UMC at 7 pm to review our plans for this year. We have opted to go with our own program instead of purchasing one. Our theme is the Bible and its stories and will center around songs that we have known for years, like the B-I-B-L-E and Zacchaeus. We're looking for people to help plan the different lessons, activities, games and crafts and welcome your ideas. Denise Dean

YOUTH GROUP

Thanks to everyone who buys Weis or Carone's cards. You are really helping to build up our account so we can go on the mission trip. See Marc or let a Youth Group member know if you want some more!



Our Youth Group members have been working hard to make money for the mission trip to Gatlinburg, TN. They are hiring out for spring cleaning chores. Need a hand with some house cleaning or yard work? They're available for everything from dusting to raking to gardening and only ask for a donation for their time. You can hire them by signing the sheets on the table in the Narthex. There's **nine people going on this mission trip** so they'll need to raise a lot of money. **Let's get them busy!!**

Sunday School News

I would like to say thanks to everyone who donated to our bake sale during the Turkey Supper on April 21. We really appreciate your support so that we can have a great Sunday School for our kids.

We will have our last day of Sunday School on May 27. I appreciate all the effort and work that the teachers put into the lessons. When you bring your children, you can count on them learning more about our faith through these volunteers. Lisa Rinehimer

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Stairville UMC's spring craft sale is May 5 from 9 am to 2 pm.

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Easter Parties were well attended by some of our youngest members. Pictured gathering their eggs at the Sunday School Easter Party held on April 7 are **Brooke Rinehimer** and **Brayden Belanchik**. **Sabian Bunnell** was ready to hunt eggs at the Fairview and Wright Townships Easter Festival held the afternoon of April 1. And who's that posing with the Easter Bunny at the Rice Township Easter egg hunt on April 7? Looks like **Robert Duffy, III**.

Crestwood's Varsity Ice Hockey Team had a great year with regular season record of 17-2-1. They also competed in the Casey Classic final and the championship game of the NEPASHL. **Kyle Prelewicz** is one of the talented players who helped place

Crestwood first in the eastern hockey rankings and 2nd overall in the state according to hockeyrankings.com. GO, COMETS!!

Yum, yum. Our Boy Scout Troop 434 held a delicious Spaghetti Dinner on March 31. The money raised will be used to help pay for camping and equipment. This troop started with five scouts and now has 27!

The Cub Scout Pack 433 Bears were busy building a push cart which they will race. They are pictured in our "back yard" with their racer.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONSISTORY

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the June Messenger is Monday, May 23. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

UPCOMING DATES

- June 3 Graduate Sunday
- June 16 300 Club and Silent Auction
- June 23-July 1 Youth Group Mission Trip

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Dean Kline II | 11 Steve Moyer | 22 Brooke Rinehimer |
| 5 Travis Grosz | 18 Kelly Madigan | 24 Gene Broyan |
| 6 Sanjay Kamat | 20 Susan Heller | 24 Clayton Walck |
| 10 Harry Peters, III | 21 Donald Oldershaw | 26 Pastor Penny Dollar |
| 11 John Jankowski | 21 Caroline Cronce | 29 Denise Dean |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 3, 1986.....Beverly and Brian Kramer, Sr.
 May 7, 1988.....Ronald and Dawn Kania
 May 8, 1993.....Lonnie and Paula Rinehimer
 May 21, 1971.....Gene and Janice Broyan
 May 22, 2001.....Donnie and Doreen Oldershaw
 May 27, 1989.....Gary and Sharon Eigenbrod
 May 29, 1976.....Hilbert and Lois Eigenbrod
 May 30, 1998.....Rosanne and Sanjay Kamat

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